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SUBJECT: NIGER: RADIO AND TV DOUNIA SUSPENDED FOR ONE
MONTH; RFI REPORTER MOUSSA KAKA'S APPEAL REJECTED

REF: A. NIAMEY 639

[B](#). NIAMEY 737

[1](#)1. High Council for Communication (CSC) Director Daouda Diallo notified Radio and TV Dounia that its operation has been suspended for one month. The official reason given for RTV Dounia's suspension was "failure to meet the specifications for which it is authorized." CSC is the Government of Niger organization charged with regulation of the media. (Note: RTV Dounia is the only television service that has continued to broadcast statements from supporters of former Prime Minister Hama Amadou (who remains in prison). CSC issued a warning (Ref A) to RTV Dounia on June 26, 2008. End note.)

[1](#)2. On another press-related issue, Radio France International (RFI) Moussa Kaka's appeal for provisional release (REF B) was rejected today by the Court of Appeals. He is now in his eleventh month in prison.
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